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Press Note.

PROGRESS REPORT UNDER FOOD PRODUCTION DRIVE FOR THE FORTNIGHT ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1951.

I. Weather Conditions.

The Raiyats have prepared their lands for dry crops and are awaiting showers to take up the sowing operations in the Maidan Districts. Rainfall which was fair in the previous fortnights has not been so during this fortnight, with the result that sowing operations have been delayed to a certain extent. The standing crops of paddy, ragi, groundnuts, etc., in the Districts of Hassan, Shimoga and Chickmagalur are stated to be in good condition. Vaisakhi paddy and irrigated ragi are being harvested in Kolar District.

II. Works Schemes.

A. Irrigation Works:—Sinking of New Wells:—Twenty wells are stated to have been completed during the fortnight in Kolar District and a subsidy of Rs. 1,530 was paid.

B. Construction of New Major Irrigation Works:—The 15 big new irrigation works which are under construction are in rapid progress. In the case of Kanva Reservoir balance works and Nelligudda tanks only the question of payment of land compensation is pending. A total area of 3,560 acres is under cultivation under the above two tanks. One hundred and sixty-eight acres of new lands have been supplied with water under Irkasandra tank during this year. Under Honnamachanahalli tank an extent of 725 acres of new land is brought under cultivation. The remaining works of Budigere tank are nearing completion. The second stage works of Seegehalla Anicut are in good progress. The progress of several works is stated to be retarded for want of materials, like lorry tyres and tubes, cast iron pipes, etc., and Government have been addressed about arranging supplies to the former recently. Water has been allowed under the Nugu Left Bank Channel to irrigate 560 acres and further arrangements have been made to get 400 acres of additional lands under cultivation.

C. Repairs to old tanks:—Nearly 428 restoration works are in different stages of progress in seven divisions. Three minor tank restoration works were completed in Shimoga Division, benefiting an area of about 428 acres.

During the year 1950-51 as many as 145 tanks were restored to standard conditions. A large number of tanks were also repaired and brought up to working condition.

D. Desilting of tanks:—The desilting of Attur Major Tank in Hosakote Taluk is under progress and nearly 7,000 cubic yards of silt has been removed. In Shimoga Division out of 20 tanks—programmed 7 works were completed during May 1951 benefiting a total area of 206-00 acres. An outlay of Rs. 7,070 was incurred on these works during the fortnight in Shimoga Division. In Kolar Division as many as 87 tanks are being desilted by engaging manual labour.

E. Installation of Persion Wheels, Rahats, Electric Pumps and Diesel Oil Engine Pump sets:—One more Government owned Tractor and three more Diesel Oil Engine Pump sets were supplied to Raiyats under Hire Purchase System during the fortnight bringing the total number issued to 20 and 38 respectively during this year.

Action is being taken by this Department for the supply of Electrical pump sets other than those that are now being supplied to the Raiyats through the Electrical Department, as sanctioned by Government recently. Six such applications were received in this office during the fortnight and agreements relating to them are under execution.

F. Construction and Improvement of Dams and Channels:—The improvement works to the River, Tank and Feeder Channels are in progress as per details furnished during the previous fortnights.

G. Pumping Installations on River and Channels:—

At Gollarahalli in Honnali Taluk ...	This work is in progress. Excavation of the well is completed and concrete has also been laid for the foundation. Outlay incurred during the fortnight is Rs. 1,000.

H. Other Irrigation Works:—Under land improvement schemes, the reclamation of marshy lands in Mandya Division is in progress. The construction of pick-ups, etc., and the temporary bunding of three tanks was also in progress.

III. Supply Schemes.

1. *Distribution of Fertilisers:*—

		Tons.	Mds.
(a) Ammonium Sulphate	...	82	09
(b) Super Phosphate	...	54	25
(c) Other Chemical fertilisers	...	...	...

2. *Distribution of Manures:*—

Groundnut oil cake	...	232	05

3. *Distribution of Cereal Seeds:*—

		Pallas.	Srs.
(a) Paddy	...	497	21
(b) Ragi	...	58	35
(c) Jola	...	4	00
(d) Sunhemp	...	4	00

During the fornight under report, 100 tons of Ammonium Sulphate and 146-20 tons of groundnut oil cake were procured and sent to the different Multi-purpose Co-operative Societies for distribution to the Raiyats.

4. *Distribution of Compost:*—During the fortnight ending 15th June 1951, 170 new compost pits were dug up in the Rural areas and as many as 448 old pits were brought to service. During the month of May 1951, 882 compost pits were dug in Mysore District and 552 pits brought to service. Action is being taken to induce all the Municipalities to intensify the manufacture of compost from out of Town Refuse.

IV. Other Schemes.

(A) *New Government lands granted for cultivation:*—Five hundred and thirty-eight acres and 13 guntas of new Government lands have been granted for cultivation as detailed below:—

The Deputy Commissioners of Hassan and Chickmagalur have intimated that all efforts are being made to bring fallow lands under cultivation as required by the Mysore Fallow Lands Act of 1951.

B. Land Improvement and Takavi loans granted to Raiyats.—A sum of Rs. 4,400 as Takavi loan and Rs. 850 as land improvement loan, have been sanctioned to raiyats in four Districts during the fortnight ending 15th June 1951.

C. Protection to crops and Protective measures against Pests and Diseases.—There has been no major incidence of pests and diseases in any part of the State, during the fortnight. Stem borer on Ragi has been prevalent in most of the ranges of the District. Preventive measures have been undertaken.

D. Progress under Tractor Ploughing:—Five hundred and ninety-two acres and 30 guntas of land was ploughed by means of tractors as detailed below :—

				Ac.	G.
15th June 1951	...	Bangalore	...	43	...
Do	...	Chitaldrug	...	90	...
Do	...	Shimoga	...	109	...
31st May 1951	...	Hassan	...	25	30
Do	...	Kolar	...	60	20
15th June 1951	..	Mandya	...	70	...
Do	...	Kolar	...	83	...
31st May 1951	...	Mysore	...	111	20
		Total	...	592	30

The bulldozers worked for 328 hours in Shimoga, Hassan and Mysore Districts during the fortnight.

E. Issue of Cement for Agricultural Purposes:—One thousand one hundred and fifty-two bags of cement were utilised on the several irrigation work schemes, during the fortnight.

F. Progress of Local Procurement of Foodgrains.—The procurement figures for the fortnight are as follows :—

Kind	Procurement during the fortnight up to 2nd July 1951.	Total procurement from 1st December 1950 to 2nd July 1951	Procurement for the corresponding period in 1950-51
	Pallas	Pallas	Pallas
Paddy ...	28,750	16,84,680 (Karthika) 27,793 (Vaishaki)	16,09,540 33,196
Ragi ...	10,457	3,68,710	3,82,166
Jola ...	1,001	23,082	42,662
Wheat ...	...	14	Nil
Other grains ...	642	16,837	8,218

G. Development of Cotton.—The recent rains have been largely helpfull for the standing crop all over the State and the crop is reported to be progressing satisfactorily. Ginning of Sel. 69 Cotton collected from (a) and primary farmers continued and collection of the seed was in progress. Arrangements for the importing of Madras Uganda—1 Jayavanth, Jayadhar and Lakshmi for distribution were made.

H. General:—Sri G. R. Valanjkar, Bonemeal Adviser to the Government of India paid a visit again to the State during the fortnight in connection with the "Vanamahotsava" celebrations proposed to be inaugurated by the Hon'ble Food Minister to the Government of India during his incoming visit to the State. A meeting of Officers was also held in this office under his Presidentship where the details of this programme were discussed.

The financial sanction for only a few schemes under the State's programme for 51-52 was received during the fortnight from the Government of India. The sanction for the remaining schemes is awaited.

The Commissioner for Food Production toured in the Districts of Bangalore, Chikmagalur, Chitaldrug and Shimoga during the fortnight and inspected the several works taken up by the various departments under the Food Production Drive. He also met the important raiyats and discussed with them regarding the problems facing the Grow More Food Drive in the areas. He held meetings of the Officers both at the Taluk and District level and received the progress reports of several Grow More Food Schemes taken up in those areas.

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Press Note.

HEALTH OF LIVESTOCK IN MYSORE STATE DURING JUNE 1951.

In their order of severity, outbreaks of Rinderpest, Black-quarter, Hæmorrahagic-septicæmia, Anthrax, Sheep-pox, Foot and Mouth, Ranikhet and Contagious-goat pleuro-pneumonia were encountered in the State during June 1951. Altogether 354 villages were reported to have been affected by one or the other of the several contagious and infectious diseases, as against 262 villages during the previous month. The number of outbreaks was highest in Kolar, Tumkur and Bangalore Districts, while Shimoga, Chikmagalur and Mandya were least affected. These diseases accounted for 1,133 animals, of which 1,039 succumbed. The departmental staff conducted 55,441 preventive inoculations and vaccinations against all the above diseases except Foot and Mouth disease. In the absence of a reliable method of vaccinatory intervention other prophylactic measures were adopted against Foot and Mouth disease.

Four outbreaks of Rinderpest of which two were among sheep were registered in Davangere, Jagalur, Molakalmuru and Challakere Taluks accounting for 16 attacks among cattle and 59 attacks among sheep, of which 9 cattle and 33 sheep succumbed. Prompt measures of control were undertaken by the department to check its spread and 772 cattle and 1,038 sheep and goats in the infected villages and 2,369 cattle in 12 neighbouring villages were protected against this disease. The disease appeared to be well under control at the end of the month under report.

Diseases caused by internal parasites were reported from 104 villages resulting in 14 deaths as against 95 villages accounting for 9 deaths during the previous month. The special staff attached to the parasitic disease control units of the department dosed 5,913 animals as against 6,462 animals during the previous month.

The rest of the livestock remained free from diseases during the month, and fodder and water were generally available throughout the State.

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Press Note.

REPORT ON THE WORKING OF THE ANTI-CORRUPTION BRANCH SINCE 1947 UPTO THE END OF JUNE 1951.

Since the Anti-Corruption Branch commenced its work around 1947, over 2,300 petitions alleging acts of bribery and corruption on the part of Government servants have been received. Six hundred and seventy-five of these containing allegations of a less serious nature and generally made against village officers and other local officials were referred to the concerned departmental officers for necessary action. Among the other petitions enquired into, allegations made in 554 instances were found to be either false or incapable of proof and investigations in respect of 142 cases in which the allegations were proved, action taken in respect of the officers and officials of the several departments of Government is detailed below, minor instances being omitted.

Police Department:—After preliminary enquiry charges have been framed against the former Inspector-General of Police and regular enquiry is being conducted against one District Superintendent of Police, two Police Inspectors and three Sub-Inspectors. Charges were framed against another District Superintendent of Police who has since been retired. Preliminary enquiry is nearing completion in respect of one Police Inspector and two Sub-Inspectors. One Sub-Inspector who had hushed up a cognizable offence and fabricated false records was reduced, while another Sub-Inspector was reduced on charges of receiving illegal gratification.

Revenue Department:—One Assistant Commissioner and his son who were prosecuted under the prevention of Corruption Act, 1948, were convicted by the Sessions Judge, Bangalore, the former being sentenced to two years, R. I. and to pay a fine of Rs. 1,000 while the son was bound over to maintain good behaviour. One Senior Assistant Commissioner who was found responsible for the drawal of salary and T. A. in the name of bogus peons and its misappropriation was suitably dealt with. One Amildar who had denied the villagers, the use of a Village Panchayet Radio and had converted into his own use was suitably dealt with and the Radio restored. Disciplinary action is taken against four Amildars for dereliction of duty in food cases and other allied matters. Three Revenue Inspectors and one shanbhog were dismissed, one Revenue Inspector compulsorily retired and in respect of eight Revenue Inspectors, increments were deferred. One Revenue Inspector was reverted as clerk. One Shanbhog, who is alleged to have fabricated a false nominal roll is recommended to be prosecuted. Action was taken to recover from two Revenue Inspectors and to refund monies exacted by them from parties. Charges are framed and regular enquiry is being conducted against four Amildars, one Sheristedar, ten Revenue Inspectors, four Shanbhog. One Patel and one Shanbhog were suspended and three Shanbhog were fined.

Department of Labour :—Charges are framed against the former Commissioner of Labour. Regular enquiry is being conducted against one Assistant Commissioner of Labour.

Public Works Department :—Charges are framed against one officer of the status of a Superintending Engineer, one Executive Engineer, one former Agricultural Engineer in charge of Grow More Food Scheme and four Assistant Engineers. One Assistant Engineer, one Accountant and three Sub-Overseers were compulsorily retired. One Sub-Overseer was dismissed. Increments were deferred in respect of another Sub-Overseer, while regular enquiry is conducted against one more Sub-Overseer. Monies misappropriated by a Store-Keeper are ordered to be recovered and his increments stopped. One Mechanic was reduced.

Department of Sericulture :—Charges have been framed against the Director, two Assistant Directors and one Inspector. Increments were deferred in respect of a General Manager of a Silk Factory. Charges have been framed against another General Manager of a Silk Factory. Salary clandestinely drawn by an operative in another Department while borne on his own Department was recovered and disciplinary action taken against him. Money misappropriated by a Senior Sericultural Inspector (since retired) was ordered to be recovered.

Department of Archæology :—Charges have been framed against the Director, after completion of preliminary enquiry.

Prisons Department .—The former Inspector-General of Prisons was suitably instructed against participating in functions got up by contractor of the Department. Regular enquiry is being conducted against one Superintendent of a Jail. Charges have been framed against one Chief Jailor and a Deputy Jailor.

Medical Department :—Two Medical Officers, one Assistant Surgeon (Class II) were retired, while action was taken against another District Medical Officer for dishonestly converting to his own use the office premises. Preliminary enquiry is either completed or nearing completion against one Steward, one Accountant and one Clerk of a Government Hospital and a regular enquiry is conducted against one Assistant Surgeon (Class II).

Education Department :—One District Education Officer and one Head Master of a Middle School were compulsorily retired. Prosecution is ordered against one Inspector of Schools and one Head Master regarding bogus appointment of a Teacher and drawal of salary and its misappropriation. Increments are with held in respect of one Head Master of a Government Middle School and posted as an Assistant Master. Regular enquiry is completed against the Manager of the University Office and report submitted to Government.

Department of Industries and Commerce :—One Assistant Director was demoted and ordered to refund the T.A. amount dishonestly claimed by him. Likewise, one Accountant was ordered to refund the T.A. amount dishonestly claimed by him. One Textile Superintendent and one Textile Designer and an Attender were dismissed. Increments were deferred in respect of one Textile Ceiling Inspector. One Clerk who had misappropriated Radio License fee was retired and his pension reduced and amount misappropriated being ordered to be recovered.

Judicial Department :—A report against a Munsiff who was found to have indulged in objectionable relationship with parties to cases before him is submitted to Government for being referred to the High Court for necessary action. Charges were framed against two Clerks of a District Court.

Audit Department :—One Deputy Comptroller and one Assistant Auditor were warned for serious dereliction of duty.

General and Revenue Secretariat :—Charges have been framed against a Camp Supervisor of the General and Revenue Secretariat, in regard to fabrication of false vouchers and misappropriation of monies obtained thereon.

Registration Department :—Increments were stopped in respect of one Sub-Registrar. Action was taken to recover a sum of Rs. 200 from a Sub-Registrar (since resigned) who had misappropriated the said amount of a Non-gazetted Officers' Association. Disciplinary action taken against two Clerks on charges of bribery. Charges have been framed against three Sub-Registrars.

Railway Department :—The services of an unloading Clerk were dispensed with and a sum of Rs. 1,099-3-0 ordered to be recovered. Two Station Masters were compulsorily retired. Two Station Masters were demoted. Gratuity payable to three Station Masters was withheld. Increments were deferred in the case of fifteen Station Masters. One Station Master was reverted.

Excise Department :—One Excise Inspector was prosecuted under the Prevention of Corruption Act. As he absconded when let on bail, action was taken against his surety by forfeiting the surety bond recovering a sum of Rs. 2,000 from the surety. He was also dismissed from service. Increments were deferred in respect of another Excise Inspector.

The Mysore Iron and Steel Works :—Charges have been framed after preliminary enquiry against one Superintendent. One Typist who had indulged in blackmarket activities of iron materials was dismissed.

Agricultural Department :—Two Agricultural Inspectors, one Fieldman and a Peon were dismissed on charges of blackmarket activities in iron and manure of the Depot. Action is taken to recover a sum of Rs. 9,508-8-0 out of the insurance amount and pension of another Agricultural Inspector of a Cotton Marketing Society.

Water Supplies Department :—One Inspector who had indulged in private trade and another Inspector who was found grossly negligent of his duties, were suitably dealt with.

Electrical Department :—One Operator was dismissed. Increments were deferred in respect of one Electrical Line Inspector. One Accountant was demoted.

Forest Department :—Increments were deferred in the case of one Forest Ranger, while two Rangers were reduced.

Textiles Department :—One Inspector was reduced for drawing salary in respect of a bogus peon and misappropriating it.

Department of Co-operation :—Prosecution is ordered against an Inspector of Co-operative Societies, in regard to misappropriation of funds. Action is being taken against one Marketing Officer in regard to alleged drawal of salary in the name of bogus Peons and misappropriation of such monies.

Department of Animal Husbandry :—One Amrithmahal Daroga was retired.

Miscellaneous :—Disciplinary action was taken on proved charges of corruption against one Revenue Surveyor. One Peshkar of a major Muzrai temple was compulsorily retired and monies misappropriated by him ordered to be recovered. Action was taken against one Auditor of the Efficiency Audit who had received free supplies. One Superintendent of the City Municipality was reverted, his promotion deferred and moneys ordered to be recovered.

Prosecutions were launched against 21 businessmen, of whom three were sentenced to imprisonment while 18 others were convicted and sentenced to pay fine of varying sums for offences under the Hoarding and Profiteering Act, Blackmarket activities and offences against Harvest and Food Acquisition Control Orders, etc.

Amongst the allegations enquired into by the Branch and proved in many cases are misuse of official position and authority for personal gain, drawing salary in the name of non-existant persons, obtaining forged acquittances and misappropriating the amounts so drawn, booking of articles over the Railways without valid permits, extortion of illegal gratification in food acquisition work, misappropriation of articles of food at Government Ration Depots, and acceptance of illegal gratification at Sub-Registry and other offices in transacting Government work in general. Necessary disciplinary and punitive action has been taken in all cases of proved delinquency amongst Government Servants. In several cases the amount misappropriated were recovered and in some other cases amounts to the tune of several thousands obtained as illegal gratification were ordered to be returned to the persons from whom such amounts were extorted.

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